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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS REPORTS VISIT TO CYPRUS BY CARTER ADVISOR

1. THE TURKISH PRESS ON DECEMBER 15 WIDELY CARRIED AN ANATOLIAN AGENCY REPORT THAT PROFESSOR CONSTANTINE ALEXANDRIDES, IDENTIFIED AS A GREEK-AMERICAN WHO IS PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S ADVISOR ON CYPRUS AND GREEK AFFAIRS, ARRIVED IN NICOSIA. DECEMBER 13 FOR A "SUDY TOUR". ALEXANDRIDES WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH THE PRESIDENT-ELECT AT PLAINS BEFORE LEAVING THE UUNITED STATES AND THAT HE WANTED TO GIVE THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE CARTER'S BEST WISHES. HE ALSO WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT CARTER WAS IN FAVOR OF "A JUST AND RAPID SOLUTION" OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. MILLIYET ALONE QUOTED ALEXANDRIDES AS SAYING ALSO THAT THE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S CYPRUS POLICY HAD NOT CHANGED.

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2. DECEMBER 16 TURKISH RADIO MORNNING NEWS CARRIED A STORY QUOTING "CARTER ADVISOR ALEXANDRIDES" TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PRESIDENT-ELECT WOULD ASSIGN A HIGH PRIORITY TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. THE TURKISH PRESS DECEMBER 16 CARRIED NO FOLLOW-UP STORIES ON ALEXANDRIDES.

3. GUNAYDIN AND TERCUMAN DEC. 17 BOTH RAN FRONT-PAGE REPORTS ALLEGEDLY BASED ON A PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY ALEXANDRIDES IN NICOSIA. TERCUMAN WRITES THAT ALEXANDRIDES SAID CARTER WOULD CONSIDER THE CYPRUS QUESTION FROM A HUMANITARIAN POINT OF VIEW RATHER THAN AMERICAN AND NATO INTERESTS. GUNAYDIN CAPTIONS ITS REPORT WITH THE STATEMENT "CARTER'S ADVISOR SAYS 'WE WILL RESOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AS THE GREEKS WISH'." THE TEXT OF THE ARTICLE FURTHER QUOTES ALEXANDRIDES AS SAYING THAT THE VIEWS OF CARTER AND THE CONGRESS ON THE CYPRUS AND AEGEAN PROBLEMS ARE VERY CLOSE. MACOMBER

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